GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA

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NORMS FOR NAIS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the norms laid down for coverage under the National Agriculture Insurance Scheme (NAIS);

(b) whether the said norms are being followed;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the details of the funds released under the scheme during each of the last three years State-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA)

(a): National Agricultural Insurance Scheme (NAIS) which is under implementation in the country at present, is available to all the farmers−loanee and non-loanee − irrespective of their size of holdings. All the farmers growing notified crops and availing Seasonal Agricultural Operations (SAO) loans from financial institutions (i.e. loanee farmers) are compulsorily covered under the scheme. Whereas scheme is voluntary for other farmers (i.e. non-loanee farmers).

Under the scheme, all food crops (cereals, millets, pulses), oilseeds and annual commercial/horticultural crops can be covered subject to the following conditions:

(i) The crop(s) intended to be covered should be annual in nature.

(ii) The State Level Coordination Committee for Crop Insurance (SLCCCI) should select and notify the crops and areas in the State to be covered under the scheme during the season.

(iii) There should be sufficient area under the crop so that requisite number of Crop Cutting Experiments (CCEs) can be conducted as per provision of the scheme. The CCEs should be part of the General Crop Estimation Survey (GCES).

(iv) The State Government should furnish 10 years` yield data based on CCEs.

(b): Yes, Sir.

(c): Does not arise.

(d): State-wise funds are not released under the scheme. Funds are released to the Implementing Agency i.e. Agriculture Insurance Company of India Ltd. (AIC) who in turn settles the admissible claims of farmers. Details of funds released to AIC by the Central Government during last three years are given below:

(Rs. in crores)

Year	Funds Released by Central Government
2005-06	749.55
2006-07	634.37
2007-08	500.00#

Till 22.11.2007